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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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INFO AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

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AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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AMEMBASSY LONDON

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SUBJECT: LABOR ROUND UP

REF: (A) CAIRO 6272, (B) CAIRO 6298, (C) CAIRO 6417

1. LABOR-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS CONTINUING ATTRACT PRESS  
ATTENTION. ORGANIZED LABOR ITSELF HAS HAD LITTLE TO SAY IN  
PUBLIC ABOUT CURRENT PROBLEMS. GOE SEEMS TO BE DOING WHAT  
IT CAN TO IMPROVE WORKERS' LOT.

2. ELECTIONS? CONFUSION ON ELECTIONS UNDIMINISHED. CHECK  
AT HIGH LEVELS BOHT MINMANPOWER AND EFL HAVE CONFIRMED EXPECTANCY  
OF JUNE ELECTIONS, BUT OTHER OBSERVERS HERE GETTING OPPOSITE  
READINGS FROM SAME INFORMATION. WHILE MAY 12 PRESS NOTED SADAT  
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SIGNING OF NEW LABOR LAW, MAY 13 PAPERS REPORTED SADAT'S

ISSUANCE OF DECREE EXTENDING TENURE OF PRESENT LABOR REPS ON BOARDS OF PUBLIC SECTOR COMPANIES UNTIL END OF DECEMBER. SINCE ELECTION THESE REPS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE CONCURRENTLY WITH UNION ELECTIONS, THERE SOME SPECULATION THIS SIGNALS GOE INTENT TO DEFER WHOLE UNION ELECTIONS PROCESS UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

3. QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT TRADE UNION ELECTION TO BE HELD IN JUNE-JULY THUS STILL SHROUDED IN DOUBT AND THIS UNCERTAINTY CONTINUES TO PARALYZE POLICY MAKING AND EXECUTION IN EGYPTIAN FEDERATION OF LABOR. WITH UNIONS IN HOLDING PATTERN, GOE TEMPORARILY BENEFITTING FROM LACK OF CONCERTED WORKER PRESSURE. ITS INABILITY TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO GET ON WITH ELECTIONS, HOWEVER, BOUND TO WORK AGAINST IT EVENTUALLY GIVEN REPORTED RANK AND FILE DISCONTENT WITH LACK OF ZEAL OF PRESENT REPS. THIS VIEW REINFORMED BY RELIABLE SOURCE AT EFL, WHO, HOWEVER, PROFESSES TO SEE POSITIVE SIDE TO POSSIBILITY OF ELECTION OF NEW AND MORE MILITANT UNION REPS: WORKERS' FAITH IN UNION LEADERSHIP COULD WELL BE RESTORED AND LESSEN CHANCE OF WILDCAT STRIKES OR PROTESTS.

4. BENEFITS. GOE REPORTEDLY MOVING AHEAD WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF ANNOUNCED COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE INCREASES AND GETTING WHAT PER MILEAGE IT CAN OUT OF MEASURE. TRUSTWORTHY GOE PLANNER-STATISTICIAN, HOWEVER, TELLS US THAT NO MORE THAN 15 PERCENT OF PUBLIC SECTOR WORK FORCE MEASURABLY BENEFITTING FROM COLA PROGRAM.

5. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT WORKER PRODUCTIVITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM, PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED BY GOE, WILL GO INTO EFFECT NEXT MONTH IN THOSE COMPANIES EXCEEDING THEIR PRODUCTION QUOTA. NO MAXIMUM SET ON AMOUNTS MOST PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYEES CAN RECEIVE IN BONUSES, BUT THERE NO INDICATION OF WHAT THIS WILL MEAN IN REAL TERMS. EILTS

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